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HYDE SCHOOL ATHLETIC BUILDING — This is the building which houses the Hyde School's tennis courts, among other things. The Bath prep school plans on making the courts available to the public in the near future. (Tom Jones photo)

Hyde School to offer tennis to public

BATH — The Hyde School hopes to open its tennis courts for public usage in the near future according to a release from the school received today.

A tennis club is being formed with an initial meeting scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at Hyde School. At that time, general rules for use will be discussed along with a number of other items such as fees, locker facilities, showers and available times.

The gym where the tennis courts are located is called by many "the gym of the future." With its floating roof and mer-

cury vapor lighting to go along with the Uniturf, the structure has been dubbed the "poor man's Astrodome" by the Education Facilities Laboratory of New York, a non-profit organization. The laboratory recommended the building to Hyde personnel long before the eventual construction.

Uniturf, which is of the general type used in the Astrodome but without the grassy consistency, has been rated highly by people within the United States Lawn Tennis Association. This surface provides the best possible surface for tennis with its number one

asset being the true bounce of the ball. It is similar to clay but a little slower. In both basketball and tennis, the new concept in flooring provides faster stops and starts, making for a more lively game.

The tennis club will have locker room facilities and will be limited to membership, although this should not pose a problem in the initial year.

For those interested in joining such a club, either write to Tennis Club, Hyde School, Bath, Me. 04530 or, better still, why not attend the first meeting scheduled for Nov. 25.